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Continuation of 3: As amended, the claims define a tubeless tire construction. The previously drafted claims, however, did limit the tire construction to one devoid of an inner tube and as such, the amended claim language would require further search and consideration.

Continuation of 11: In regards to applicant's arguments, the member or strap 10 can be formed of a rubberized fabric, leather, or other flexible materials. Each of these materials can be viewed in the general sense as being porous and forming a sound absorbing member. The term "porous" does not define the particular characteristics in a quantitative manner that defines the structure over that of Block. The aforementioned materials can be viewed as having some degree of porosity. Furthermore, the language "sound absorbing member" does not define the member in a structural manner (over that of Block). It is suggested that applicant amend the claims to require specific materials and/or properties to define over the tire construction of Block.

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